The necessity of a separate Defence University will be reassessed in the light of the experience of the Indira Gandhi Open University in fulfilling the needs of Defence Personnel.

Shifting of Stone Crushers second Suraj Kund area bordeing Delhi and Haryana

1822. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that stone crushing operation in Tughlakabad and Suraj Kund area are a positive health hazard for residents in that area due to dust nuisance caused by unauthorised crushers;

(b) if so, by when Government propose to shift crushers to an area away from residential localities falling in the above zone; and

(c) how many crushers are licence holders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such proposal has been worked out.

(c) 36 crushers at Tughlakabad Mehrauli Badarpur Road are licence holders.

Setting up of Centre of Excellence in West Bengal

1823. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal have urged the Central Government on February, 25, 1980 to set up a Centre of Excellence through E.R.D.C. as an R&D Agency for the eastern region; and

(b) if so, what is Central Government's decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Government of West Bengal had requested the Central Government in February, 1980, to set up an agency for research in electronics in West Bengal. There was no proposal then to set up any new agency for Research and Development in Electronics, since the Department of Electronics wanted to consolidate its investments in R&D made by it directly and through other agencies in the various parts of the country, to optimise the benefits accruing from such activities. This decision of the Government was conveyed to the Government of West Bengal on 14th March, 1980.

Training Programme for serving IAS Officers

1824. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large programme for the training of all the IAS officers has been started this year;

(b) if so, the details of it and the number of officers to be trained, the training institutes undertaking task, the number of training programmes;

(c) whether there is any proposal to get this training programme in its totality evaluated by a specialised agency;

(d) what has been the total cost of this training programme during 1985-86; and

(e) whether there is any resentment among the officials on account of large-scale and quick training programme?